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The climate of New York is abating. The Central Park Meteorological observatory has records covering a period of 32 years, and these give strong evidence that the winters are growing

Germany's new military uniform will be grayish brown cloth for coat and trousers and caps. The helmets will be of brown cloth and will have the brass spikes. The shining buttons, buckles and ornaments will be done away with.

A thirty-two story building is to be erected at the southeastern corner of Broadway and Thirty-third street, New York. The lot is 118 feet 6 inches wide on Broadway and 97 feet 71/2 inches deep on Thirty-third street. It will be the highest building in the

Philadelphia capitalists now propose to employ water-power instead of steam in the production of electricity. The plan provides for the use of some river which may be dammed, and the Susquehanna, the Patapaco, the Delaware and the Schuylkill have all been suggested. Electricity will be carried on heavy copper cables to Philadelphia and other cities.

The uninitiated generally have a fond delusion that a dozen means twelve things, but in trade the dozen varies greatly. In the Staffordshire potteries, for instance, a dozen represents that number of articles which can be offered for any fixed price; thus the dozen varies, the price is constant. Plates are among the comparatively few articles which in that trade are sold in dozens of twelve, and some things are sold in dozens of sixty, seventy and eighty.

Of the thirty-nine ruling princes in Europe twenty have no direct male heir. They include, among German princes, the King of Saxony, Bavaria and Wurtemberg, Grand Dukes of Saxe Welmar, of Mecklenburg Schwerin and of Hesse, the Duke Saxe Altenburg and Saxe Coburg and Princes of Lippe and both Schwarzburg. Besides these there are the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Austria, the Kings of Italy, Spain, Belgium and Servia and the Prince of Liechtenstein.

A novel cure for the toothache was inadvertently applied by Dr. Parmertier, at Tremont, N. Y. A man suffering from a raging tooth called at the denitst's house at night, forgot to ring the bell, found the outer door open, entered the hall, unintentionally stepped on a burglar alarm, and thus brought the dentist to the dark hall with a pistol in his hand. The dentist threatened to shoot, and the visitor was so terrified that the ache departd from his chattering teeth

A will recently filed for probate in Washington, D. C., brings to light an interesting bit of history. After serving as a gunner in the Crimean war and being personally rewarded by Queen Victoria with a medal for his bravery on the field of battle, George Collins deserted from the British army and came to the United States. During the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Queen, he petitioned the throne for a pardon for desertion and on account of his own explanation and his past bravery his request was granted and a full pardon was issued under the imperial signature.

The wisest words spoken in a recent meeting of young New Yorkers, which was addressed by three conspicuous millionaires, were uttered by Mr. Colgate Hoyt. "Business founded on friendship is friendship endangered." said he, "but friendship founded on business is friendship assured." Half of the proposition, that fair dealing wins good will, would be assented to by everybody. But many men have had to learn by sad experience that nothing so surely transforms a friend to an enemy as the suspicion that he is viewed and used as a sort of commercial convenience.

It is rather surprising to learn that our modern cup defenders sail no faster than a vessel of about the same size built in 1803. That statement, however, is made by a noted naval architect of Boston. He declares that the famous Salem privateer America, of the war of 1812, sailed faster on her best point-with the wind on the quarter-than any of the crack racing yachts of today. Her log shows that she frequently made thirteen knots with the burden of a warship, while the best speed of the cup defenders of today is little better than fourteen knots in racing trim. It is an interesting fact that the architect in question, a lineal descendant of one of the builders of the privateer, is himself designing a boat to defend the cup this year. He does not expect to surpass his ancestor.

Charles Day, of Marshall, Mich., was sitting in a barber shop getting a haircut when the idea struck him that it would be real funny to touch the barber's hand with the lighted end of his eigarette and see him jump. He did so and the results were surprising. The barber was just rubbing some bay rum on Day's head and the cigarette ignited the alcoholic mixture, which blazed up like a torchlight procession. In four seconds there wasn't a hair left on Day's cranium and he has sworn off on practical jokes.

# BLACKMAIL CHARGE

Schuyler Merchant In Clutches of the Law.

HIMSELF IN UGLY SCRAPE.

Accusation Made By Postoffice Inspec tor Said to Have Written Senator Kearns, of Utah, Demanding Money to Keep Silent.

Postoffice Inspector W. T. Sullivan of Denver has just turned a clever trick. He has placed Ernest J. Wolter, a Schuyler, Neb., merchant in jail in Omaha for what he claims is an attempt to blackmail Senator Thomas Kearns of Utah out of five thousand dollars. Inspector Sullivan says he used the mails in an endeavor, and his bad penmanship brought him to grief. Wolter also it is alleged, wrote a threatening letter to the senator's wife, demanding twenty-five hundred dollars, and stated that if he did not get it he would kill the children. Senator Kearns put the letter in the hands of Inspector Sullivan, who went to Schuyler and got his man. Some years ago Wolter lived in Salt Lake City and there became acquainted with the fact that Kearns had money and a very charming family. Wolter was a merchant, but it is charged, led a rather fast life. In Schuyler he runs a store and stands well in the community. He hails from Wisconsin originally and sprang from a good family. The letter it is charged he wrote to

the senator is as follows: Salt Lake City. Feb. 19 .- Mr. Thomas Kearns: Permit me to be the first to congratulate you on your honor. You are now happy in your fortune, in your family and in your wife. You have a sufficiency of this world's goods and to spare. But how did you get your start in life? Dead men tell no tales. I want five thousand dollars and I must have it right away. I have nothing to live for if I do not get it, and would as soon die with you as in any other way. I want five thousand dollars Now if you have any love for your family or any respect for yourself you will send me that money.

Get some magazines and place the bills between thr leaves and address the package to box 484, Schuyler, Neb. I will run down to Schuyler and get the money and your family will remain undisturbed. If it is not there I will come to Salt Lake and you will suffer the consequences.

(Signed) M. D. Cox. Wolter says he is innocent of the charge, and that a traveling man has put him in a false light.

## **ENGINE DRIVER WAS DRUNK**

Runs Train Into Gang of Workmen, Kill-

ing Thirty. The Moscow correspondent of the

London Daily Mail says: "During the recent heavy snow storms fifty men were sent to clear the snow out of a railway cut near Wolovo, Russia, on the Riazan-Ural line. They were just leaving the cutting when the train came down at full speed and crushed about thirty men into shapeless masses, their clothing elogging the axles and stopping the train. Inquiry shows that the engine driver and all the guards were drunk.

## Wind Toppled the Wall.

Two convicts and a guard were burled by the falling of a wall at the penitentiary Thursday. By a miracle none were seriously injured, though it was two hours before the last one was rescued. The men were C. F. Murphy from Phelds county, Henry Bollin from Douglas and Peter Larson, a guard. They were in the kitchen under the ruins of the turnkey preparing supper. The old wall dividing the turnkey from the administrative section, being the old main entrance, was toppled inward by a gust of wind. Three men who sat at the dinner table near the south door had the brief warning of a few stray rocks and dashed for safety. As they reached the doorway the floor floor fell through throwing them violently into the bakery beyond.

## Not Many Lines Affected.

A statement prepared at the bureau of statistics shows that during the last year the export value of American goods exported to Russia, not affected by the recent decree of the Russian government in retaliation for the countervailing duty, imposed by this government on Russian sugar, was \$7,798,020, while that affected amounted to \$2,872,429.

# Charged With Swindling.

At Chicago, William A. Steinburn, a member of the National Ticket Brokers' association, and James Adler. an employe of Steinburn, were arrested charged with uttering forged papers in the nature of railroad passes. It is charged their operations have been carried on for the past five years, and that many western roads have been victimized.

## In a Receiver's Hands.

The International Zine company, of Joplin. Mo., has gone in the hands of a receiver, with assets which are said to be practically worthless. The company was capitalized at \$1,000,000 and sold its stocks in various American and English cities at almost par, much of the stock being bought by wage-earn-

## Democrats Name Harrison.

The Chicago democratic convention March 5, nominated Carter H. Harrison for mayor.

### MONTANA ELECTS.

Beadlock Broken and Paris Gibs Chosen Senator.

A Helena, Mont. March 8 dispatel anys: At 3:30 this morning, although the legislative clock testified that it was not yet midnight, Hon. Paris Gibson (dem.) of Great Falls, was elected United States senator for the term expiring March 4, 1905.

For almost the entire term of the life of the legislature that body has been voting daily for a senator, but with no result. Mr. Gibson's election came as the result of the withdrawal of H. L. Frank, who had been the leading fusion candidate.

Mr. Gibson was born in New Hampshire July 1, 1830, and was educated at Bowdoin college, graduating in the class of 1851. He located in Minneapolis in 1858, building the first flouring mill in that city. He operated the North Star woolen mills of that city. He came to Montana in 1879, locating

at Ft. Benton in the stock business. In 1882 he became interested in the possibilities of the water power that could be developed by the falls of the Missouri river at the site of the present city of Great Falls, of which he is called the father. James J. Hill joined him in the enterprise and the result was the growth of a city of 12,000 on the prairies, besides the vast water-

Mr. Gibson was a member of the state constitutional convention and of the first senate of the state legislature. He has always been a strong democrat.

# GRAND ISLAND, MARCH 14

Whist Players Will Hold Third Annual Contest.

The third annual meeting of the Nebraska Whist association will be held at Grand Island, Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15. Whist players of the state are invited to participate in the contests, one being a team contest for the Lincoln challenge cup trophy, in which four members from any club may participate, theother being a pair contest in which any two players can participate. The team winning the contest will be entitled to the Lincoln challenge cup trophy, and a suitable trophy will go to the pair having the highest average. Whist players interested may secure information of the meeting by addressing W. A. Prince, secretary, Grand Island.

### Nation Takes All Blame.

A Wiebita, Kas., dispatch says: In the trial of his absent wife, David Nation took the stand and said that she began her crusade against saloons upon the advice of himself and Ed S. mple of Medicine Lodge as lawyers. telling her that saloons were outside the pale of the law and could be abated in any manner any individual may choose. The court sustained an objection made to the evidence and it was withdrawn from the jury.

## Allen Still a Member

In the United States Senate Friday last, a motion was made to proceed to the consideration of executive tusiness. Senator Hoar of manded a roll call, the purpose of which was that the name of Senator Allen of Nebraska should be included. thus officially in the roll of senators. This settles all questions as to Mr. Allen's status and right to draw pay in the new congress under his appointment.

## Jobs for Ex-Senators.

Former United States Senator Carter of Montana has been appointed by the president a United States commissioner to the St. Louis exposition. He has accepted the offer. The position pays \$5,000 a year. Three others were named, being ex-Senator Thurston of Nebraska, William Lindsay of Kentucky and George W. McBride of Oregon.

## Throat Cut With Razor.

Mrs. Myrtle Webster is at the county jail at Topeka. Kan., charged with killing her husband, Norman Webster. at their home near Fourth and Leland streets. A razor was the weapon used. TURKEY'S TREASURY EMPTY Mr. Webster's throat was cut from ear to ear. No motive is known for the deed. Mrs. Webster is thought to be insane.

## Arrested on Murder Charge.

The dead body of David Forsythe, a aductor on the Fifty-ninth street ress town line at New York, was ound on Fifty-ninth street, near First venue. Death was caused by a pistol yound in the left side of the head. It s thought the man was murdered. The police arrested John Quinn, a motorman, on suspicion.

## Insists He Fought a Duel,

A London dispatch says: John Wilon Durant, who was reported to have been killed in a duel, said to an Associated press reporter that although his death notice was a "fake," the duel actually occurred, and that he wounded the Russian count. who was the "pre fect of Siberia.

## Aguinaldo Located.

Unconfirmed information coming from native sources says that Aguinaldo is in hiding in the province of Isabella, on the northern coast of Luzon island. American troops are scouting in that section of the country.

## Darrell Set Pree.

The jury in the Darrell murder trial at tremont. Neb., gave a verdict of not guilty, after being out only two hours. The verdict came as a great surprise, as it was believed by persons who had followed the trial that Darrell would be given at least a manslaughter

# lows Wins.

The eighth annual Iowa-Minnesota lebate was won by Iowa, who took the negative side of the question, "Is it Unwise for the States to Tax Persound Property?"

### **RESPECT** OF.

Legislature Adjourns on Hearing of David Brown's Death.

FLAGS ARE ORDERED TO HALF MAST

House and Senate Proceedings - Rattrond Bills on File-Anti-Pass and Commodity Rate Bills Dumped at Foot of Calendar.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7 .- Both houses of the legislature adjourned yesterday out of respect of Representative David Brown, who died at his home in Nebraska City yesterday moaning. His death was not unexpected by the members, who knew of his serious illness. It so happened that in the house the news was received while the members were engaged in passing the bill for a library commission, which was introduced by Mr. Brown, and to the passage of which he devoted his energy. An effort was made to pass the bill unanimously out of respect for his memory, but the suggestion from Beekly of Seward came after the members had voted to take a recess till the joint session, and it could not then be entertained.

The house and senate appointed committees to draft resolutions of respect for Mr. Brown and the house ordered his desk draped in mourning for the remainder of the session. The flags on the capitol were order to fly at half mast till the time of Mr. Brown's fuperal. This will probably occur Saturday morning. The house appointed a committee consisting of Representatives Evans, Marshall, Wilkinson, Hanks and Hathorn to attend the funeral. A special trian will probably be run to Nebraska City Saturday morning at 8 o'clock to accommodate the members of the legislature who desire to attend the services.

Speaker Sears has selected the house sifting committee, which under the resolution of appointment has the absolute power to advance bills on general file. The committee consists of Laffin of Gage, Andrews of Frontier, Mockett of Lancaster, Jouvenat of Boone, Mead of Douglas, Beekly of Seward and Loomis of Dodge.

The house committee on cities and towns met yesterday afternoon and listened to all persons interested in the charter from Lincoln. A long session ensued, during which a good share of the bill was gone over. The citizens of Lincoln were especially interested in

the tax commissioner provision.

The senate received a batch of railroad bills yesterday from the railroad committee, of which Owens of Dawson is chairman. The committee recommended that the entire batch be placed on the general file. As the general file is now overburdened, bills put on at this late day are not likely to be reached unless the sifting committee digs into the pile and brings them out for consideration.

Thus far the sifting committee has not done anything, but it may get to work in a short time. The railroad committee got rid of all the bills before it. One of the measures placed on file is an anti-railroad pass bill, another fixes maximum rates on staple commodities, such as coal, lumber grain and live stock, making a reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent. An-

other reduces express rates 15 per cent. Senator Crounse's bill to sell the governor's mansion was also placed on file. Mr. Crounse declined to accept an appropriation from the state for house rent when he was governor and he now proposes to make other governors go without a house or house rent at the expense of the state if he can have his way. The insurance committee of which O'Neill of Lancaster is chairman also dumped some insurance bills at the foot of the general

Accounts for Inability to Make Payment on Cruiser.

It is now believed that the delay in payment of the first instalment on the cruiser ordered by the Turkish government from the Cramps of Philadelphia is caused solely by present poverty of the Turkish treasury. It is expected however, that the first payment will shortly be made, thus keeping the con-

tract in force. "Public business is paralyzed by the pecuniary straits of the government." says the Constantinople correspondent of London Times. "The sultan's irades ordering payment to various state creditors remain inoperative. The financial commission is powerless even to provide traveling expenses for the mission to China which the sultan is impatient to dispatch."

## Kills His Brother.

In a disagreement over business affairs Texas Rascoe, prominent in Nashville. Tenn., business circles, shot and killed his brother, Lou Rascoe. Tex Rascoe, who was released on bail, would say only that he was justified in kilting his brother. The only two witnesses declined to talk.

## Creamery Building Damaged.

The South Platte creamery building at Stromsburg, Neb., caught fire and was well under way to burn when the fire company turned on two streams of water and put the fire out. The second story of the building is pretty badly damaged. The loss is covered by in-

# Gets 21 Years.

Samuel Moser, who murdered his wife and three children, was, at Peoria, Ill., sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary.

### SENATORIAL ROUGH HOUSE

Upper House Pas Round in the Normal

Lincoln, Neb., March 8 .- A rough house was created yesterday in the senate over the bill to establish two new normal schools. After it was over Ransom of Douglas who took no part in the row called attention of the republican members to the striking fact that it was possible to have a rough house in the senate without his aid or consent.

This was the third day's consideration of this bill. The reading on previous sittings of the committee of the whole never went beyond the radius of the second section. Trompen of Laneaster was in the chair. Young of Stanton who had the floor when the committee arose before proceeded with his speech in favor of one school in the Third district. He was personally against the bill, but his constituents wanted one of the schools.

Others spoke and numerous amendments were offered until the friends of the bill, led by Allen of Furnas and Currie of Custer became exasperated and tried to shut off discussion and recommended the bill for passage. This gave rise to strong resistance from opponents of the bill and a parliamentary wrangle followed in which considerable heat was shown. Tempers were lost, but in most cases recovered when the committee finally succeeded in arising at 6:30 p. m. without having done anything except vote down numerous amendments.

The house passed a number of bills and in committee of the whole discussed a bill for tha appointment of a commission to draw up a new revenue act to be submitted to the next legislature. This bill was indefinitely postponed after a long discussion and by a decisive vote. This indicates that the members of the house do not desire any new revenue legislation of a sweeping nature and that the assertion that this legislatre would give new laws of this character was unfounded. It is not too late to pass amendatory acts of which an unusual number are before the legislatures and if the friends of this kind of legislation are active, they may succeed in passing some of these laws. In the discussion in the house, many members said that the present revenue law would meet all needs if it were only enforced.

The special lobby investigating committee reported in the house yesterday morning. The report was signed by all members of the committee and when it was read, it created a stir. It carried censure for the two members of the lobby first mentioned when the committee was appointed, Messrs. Robert Druesdow and F. W. Barber. It also implicated ex-Representative O. S. Moran, of Platte county, as one who approached persons interested in bills and asked to be remunerated for assistance that he could render in smothering bills or in pushing them along. Mr. Moran was a member of the famous Mutz smelling committee that investigated the state institutions under order of a fusion legislature. His friends said yesterday that they would demand a more complete explanation of the testimony regarding him, and :hat they would insist on more publicity for some matters which have been clouded in mystery by the committee. An attempt was made yesterday to go into the matter as soon as the committee report was read but on motion of McCarthy, this discussion was made a special order for 10 o'clock this morning as soon as the house convenes. The committee explained in the report that the reason more complete findings were not made was because of the risk of injury to the reputations of persons who might be entirely inno-

## Silver Republicans Disband.

A Boise, Idaho, March 7 dispatch says: The silver republican party of Idaho was formally disbanded by members of the state committee, members of the legislature and others. An address was issued in which the members of the party are advised to affiliate with the democrats. The attitude of the republican party on the financial and other questions is condemned.

## Children Burned to Death.

A dispatch from Marion, Ind., says: The eighteen-months-old son and the two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Peel, a widow, living at Matthews, were burned to death and the home of the family was totally destroyed. The mother was visiting a neighbor and left the children alone. They played with the wood fire in the stove and it is supposed they pulled coals on the floor.

## Nineteen Years.

Nineteen years in the state penitentiary was the penalty imposed upon Nicholas J. Gentleman at Columbus, Neb., by Judge Hollenbeck, for the fatal shooting December 5 of Soran Oleson of Platte Center. Gentleman having been convicted two weeks ago of murder in the second degree.

## Killed by Lightning.

At Welsh. Ga., on March 6, the wife, the twelve-year-old son and six-yearold daughter of P. M. Morgan were killed by a stroke of lightning, which also set fire to the Morgan home.

General Benjamin Harrison is very sick at his residence on North Delaware street, Indianapolis, Ind., but it is impossible to discuss his care without permission from the family, and this was refused by Mrs. Harrison. She said the general is suffering from the grip, but that his condition was not alarming.

## Silk Mills Strike Settled.

The strike of the silk mills of O'Connor Bros., at New York City, was settled on March 6. the weavers receiving the 25 per cent increase demanded.

### HOUSE ADVANCES A BILL

Action Taken Over the Head of Sifting Committee.

Lincoln, March 9 .- In the house yesterday the action of most importance was that taken against the sifting committee. The members when they appointed a sifting committee made the rule that no bill was to be advanced outside the committee. The members of the committee had . been announced on Thursday, but yesterday morning, before the sifting committee was or ganized, Ollis moved to advance to the head of the general file house roll No. 255, a measure lowering rates on live stock from \$2 to \$4 a car by changing pound rates to carload rates.

After considerable talk about the

ights of the sifting committee, the motion to advance the bill failed of passage because it did not receive a majority of the members-elect which is required to a rule of the house. It was given a majority of members voting but this was insufficient upon the rules. A little later in the day Loomis of Douge, a member of the sifting committee, moved to order to a third reading the bill providing a charter for cities of the second class. After a long discussion and a call of the house, the motion received sufficient votes to order the bill advanced. Taylor of Custer called attention to the fact that the house had refused to advance another bill and be said he would vote for this simply to show that the house could disregard its sifting committee entirely and advance bills at will.

The bill providing for a supreme court commission of nine members was considered again in committee of the whole and the amendment providing from what parties the members should be drawn was stricken out. In the exact form in which the bill came from the senate, it was recommended for

passage. The senate declared a truce yesterday on normal schools by making that subject the special order for Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The South Omaha charter was rushed through without consideration and ordered to third reading. This bill has passed the house but has received little attention in the senate. VanBoskirk of the committee on appointment reported for passage his legislative apportionment bill and it was placed on the general file. As the house now contains only 52 republicans, several of whom are absent on account of illness, the majority in that body is not considered safe at present and the senate must take the initiative on apportionment bills. At present the outlook is not bright for the passage of bills of this character. A bill by Edgar, providing for a jury trial in cases of constructive contempt of court, was indefinitely postponed.

### Delaware Unrepresented.

A Dover, Del. March 8 dispatch says: The last day of the present session of the legislature brought a large erowd to Dover. Promptly at 12 o'clock the senate entered the house chamber, where the joint session of the two houses was held. There was intense excitement when the presiding officer called for the ballot for United States senator.

The two houses voted to separate after having taken 45 ballots. Thiswill leave Delaware unrepresented in the senate.

Delaware has not had a full representation in the United States senate since the expiration of former Senator Anthony Higgins' term in 1895.

# Platte Ice Gorge Bruken.

Trains passed over the Burlington's Platte river bridge at Plattsmouth for the first time in twenty-four hours. The ice gorge which threatened the destruction of the bridge was finally broken up, although not until after the tracks in various places had been washed out, permitting the water to pass away and thus, to a great extent, relieving the strain upon the bridge. Many of the inhabitants of the river bottoms sustained quite a serious loss to property as a result of the flood, but since the water has receded they are returning to their homes.

## Divorce Ends Elopement.

Judge Perkins of the Kent circuit. court, at Grand Rapids, Mich., granted a decree of divorce to Gertrude Snell from Thomas T. Snell of Bicomington. Ill., on the grounds of non-support and cruelty. The decree carries with it a permanent alimony of \$7,500. This is the sequel of the romantic elopement of the young couple from the summer resort of Macatawa in August, two years ago, which attracted wide spread attention owing to the high social standing of the interested persons.

Decrease in English Exports. The statement of the London board of trade for the month of February shows an increase of two million sixtynine thousand six hundred pounds in imports and a decrease of two million one hundred and eighty two thousand

## Chief of Police Murdered.

While making an arrest at Chippewa Falls, Wis., Chief of Police Moore was shot through the heart, dying instantly. Moore was assisting the deputy sheriff of Clark county to arrest Willian Sows, charged with threatening to kill his wife.

## Slashed Him With a Knife.

That Duff McVey, a former member of the Omaha, Neb., fire department, if not now dead it is no fault of his wife, Ada. She slashed his throat viciously with a knife, narrowly missing the jugular vein and then expressing regret that she had not killed him.

## Lost With All on Board.

A Bilboa, Spain, March 8, dispatch says: The British steamer Avlona, Captain Lenox, has been wrecked at the Bilboa breakwater. All on board were lost.